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1. FOLLOWING SUMMARY REMARKS ARE SUGGESTED AS WORKING DRAFT
FOR AMBASSADOR'S REMARKS AT PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS.
PLEASE CABLE ANY CHANGES.

2. QUOTE.

YOUR EXCELLENCY,

UNITED STATES/SURINAMESE RELATIONS SPAN 186 YEARS. INDEED,
SURINAM WAS ONE OF THE FIRST COUNTRIES WITH WHICH THE UNITED
STATES OPENED SOME KIND OF BILATERAL RELATIONS.

OVER THESE 186 YEARS, BOTH COUNTRIES HAVE CHANGED TREMEND-
OUSLY AND, CURIOUSLY, IN PARALLEL FASHION. WE HAVE EVOLVED
ECONOMICALLY FROM FRONTIER SOCIETIES. WE HAVE PURGES OUR-
SELVES OF THE EVILS OF SLAVERY. WE HAVE EXPERIENCED WAVES
OF IMMIGRATION, BRINGING A DIVERSE CULTURAL HERITAGE TO OUR
SHORES. AND WE HAVE EVOLVED POLITICALLY INTO ADVANCED REPRESENT-
ATIVE DEMOCRACIES.

BOTH COUNTRIES CAN TAKE LEGITIMATE PRIDE IN THEIR DEMOCRATIC
INSTITUTIONS AND CONSTITUTIONALLY ENTRENCHED CIVIL LIBERTIES.

BUT EVEN NOW, POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC CHANGE GOES ONE. THE
SURINAMESE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE ARE EMBARKED ON AN IMPRES-
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SIVE EFFORT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND EQUALIZATION OF SOCIAL

OPPORTUNITY TO THIS HISTORIC EFFORT, I BRING YOU THE BEST
WISHES OF PRESIDENT GERALD R. FORD AND THE GOVERNMENT AND
PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES.

I CANNOT HELP BEING PERSONALLY TOUCHED BY THE HONOR OF BECOM-
ING THE FIRST UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENI-
POTENTIARY TO THE REPUBLIC OF SURINAM. AS I HAND OVER MY
CREDENTIALS, YOUR EXCELLENCY, I AM DEEPLY CONSCIOUS OF THE MEN
AND WOMEN IN BOTH COUNTRIES WHO DEVOTED THEIR LIVES TO MAKING
OUR COUNTRIES FREE. AND I AM MINDFUL OF THE FUTURE GENERATIONS
IN WHOSE INTERESTS WE BOTH WORK. THEREFORE, IT WILL BE MY
CONSTANT CONCERN AS AMBASSADOR TO CONTINUE THE FRANK COMMUNI-
CATIONS AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS, BASED ON MUTUAL RESPECT, THAT
HAVE CHARACTERIZED OUR BILATERAL HISTORY UNTIL NOW. IN SO
DOING, I HOPE TO REINFORCE THE LONG-STANDING AND MUTUALLY
BENEFICIAL TIES THAT EXIST BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

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